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## **FINAL PROJECT REPORT**

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<b>6. Project Title</b>	Network Analyzer for Laser Probe Measurement System

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## PART II: SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROJECT

An HP-8753A Network Analyzer was purchased for use with a knife-edge laser probe system. With the aggregate laser probe system the capability is now resident to measure surface acoustic wave (SAW) propagation in a variety of substrate materials and device configurations. The system has a signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of up to 70 dB, step size increments of 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  and a spot size of 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$ . With this system, measurements of SAW device attributes from 50 MHz to 1 GHz can be made. This equipment has provided the researchers within the Microelectronics Acoustics Group a capability unique at an academic institution in the United States. Researchers within this laboratory have been and will continue to be able to investigate the acoustical details of acoustic charge transport (ACT) as well as SAW devices. Matching funds were used to fund a portion of the cost of the network analyzer and a more substantial contribution from Georgia Tech allowed for the purchase of the bulk of the equipment which comprises the knife-edge laser probe system.

Dr. William D. Hunt  
ECS-8808264

PART III: TECHNICAL INFORMATION

# PART IV — FINAL PROJECT REPORT — SUMMARY DATA ON PROJECT PERSONNEL

(To be submitted to cognizant Program Officer upon completion of project)

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## **1. Introduction**

The Microelectronics Acoustics Group at Georgia Tech is engaged in a focused set of research objectives which are all related to the use of microelectronics in acoustics. In specific this includes research on surface acoustic wave (SAW) devices, Bleustein-Gulyaev waves, acoustic charge transport (ACT) devices and Fresnel lens transducers for medical ultrasonics applications. This group is under the direction of Professor William D. Hunt and is comprised of four graduate students and four undergraduate students.

Georgia Tech has provided laboratory space as well as clean room facilities and some funds used to equip the laboratory. The primary shortage of the facilities for the Microelectronics Acoustics Group was the absence of a network analyzer which is a key component in a knife-edge laser probe system used to measure SAW propagation. This equipment grant addressed that need.

### **1.1 Specific Equipment Needs**

It was important that the network analyzer purchased be computer controllable via an industry standard such as the IEEE-488 communication bus. All of the necessary components of the laser probe system already purchased satisfied this criterion. Since all of the research which would utilize this equipment involves acoustics the highest frequency of operation would be 1 GHz and as such a relatively inexpensive network analyzer could be employed effectively. The system which most closely met these requirements was the Hewlett Packard HP8753 Network Analyzer which operates from 300 KHz to 3 GHz. This choice has proved effective for the SAW and ACT work as well as for the medical ultrasonics work. In addition, the equipment has been used by other research groups within the School of Electrical Engineering at Georgia Tech for work on microactuators and for acoustic detection of discharges within power transformers.

### **1.2 Budget**

The amount requested from NSF for this equipment was \$21,708 and Georgia Tech provided matching funds of \$10,962. Therefore the total amount that was available for the entire system was \$32,670.

## **2. Equipment Purchased**

This section provides a description of the equipment that was purchased.

## **2.1 Description**

The complete knife-edge laser probe system is shown in Figure 1. The system has been assembled and computer code has been written and it has been a functioning unit since May of 1989. The various components of the system which were purchased under this NSF grant are listed below.

- Hewlett Packard HP8753B Network Analyzer: This network analyzer operates from 300 KHz to 6 GHz and has an IEEE-488 interface connection. (\$22,950)
- Hewlett Packard HP85046A 50 Ohm S-Parameter test set: This piece of equipment is necessary for the network analyzer to be used to make S-parameter measurements. (\$7,020)
- Miscellaneous RF connectors, attenuators and amplifiers: These are necessary components of the aggregate system. (\$2,700)

The total cost of the hardware listed above was \$32,670.

## **3. Research Performed on the System**

The network analyzer purchased under this grant has been used for a variety of projects and is planned for use in a good many more. The completion of the knife-edge laser probe system has given us a very unique position as a research group. Because we have this facility we have been able to attract funding from industrial and government sources. Beyond its use as a component of the knife-edge laser probe system, the network analyzer has been used in our research in medical ultrasonics and has been used by other faculty and students for research on microactuators and for work on acoustic detection of electrical discharge in power transformers. We will describe briefly the research projects being conducted within the Microelectronics Acoustics Group.

### **3.1 Acoustic Charge Transport Devices**

In this section we will describe the work which has been conducted and work which is planned or underway which will utilize the network analyzer.

#### **3.1.1 Completed Research**

The network analyzer was used in some joint research conducted with United Technologies Research Center (UTRC) on heterostructure ACT devices. This work took

place over the period of two years and was presented at the 1990 IEEE MTT Symposium and is described in [1]. Other completed work involves SAW propagation in GaAs and in superlattices [2],[3]. This work is laying a solid foundation for future research on ACT devices which will require extensive knowledge of the SAW propagation properties in these various substrate materials.

### **3.1.2 Future Research**

Currently research projects are underway which are expected to enhance charge transfer efficiency and dynamic range in ACT devices. In addition we are conducting research on multichannel ACT devices which require cleverly designed acoustic waveguides. This work will include investigations of ZnO on GaAs devices. Currently there are two Ph.D students involved in this work and if some the two large proposals which have been submitted to DOD agencies are funded it is likely that three or four more Ph.D. students will become involved in this research. This equipment is expected to be the fundamental piece of machinery in our research efforts.

## **3.2 SAW Devices**

In this section we will describe the work on SAW devices which has been conducted and work which is planned or underway which will utilize the network analyzer.

### **3.2.1 Completed Research**

Some research was conducted with RF Monolithics in Dallas, Texas on unidirectional transducers. This work was relatively short in duration and did not lead to any publications. The work did, however, prove useful in the company's product development efforts. In addition, there is a Ph.D. student in the group conducting research on Bleustein-Gulyaev (BG) waves in GaAs and Quartz. This student is quite far along in his research and is expected to graduate within the next year or two. He has been quite productive [4]-[7] and the laser probe system is a very important tool in his research.

### **3.2.2 Future Research**

A grant was obtained from Bell Northern Research (BNR) to conduct research on SAW devices for communication systems. This agreement was signed in March 1991 and promises to be a rich collaborative arrangement. The knife edge laser probe was one of the things that BNR has repeatedly mentioned as an important feature of our capabilities. We are particularly looking forward to this work as it will have a very direct impact on BNR's telecommunication business and will find its way into this venue rather quickly.

If the work on BG waves demonstrates favorable results we expect to continue this work as it relates to the high frequency surface transverse wave (STW) device work being conducted elsewhere. A portion of our current efforts involve the development of laser probe techniques for the measurement of the details of BG wave and STW propagation.

### **3.3 Medical Ultrasonics**

In this section we will describe the work on medical ultrasonics which has been conducted and work which is planned or underway which will utilize the network analyzer.

#### **3.3.1 Completed Research**

Work is being conducted in the group on the development of polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) Fresnel transducer for use ultimately in the monitoring of carotid plaque progression. Thus far we have designed and built a number of these transducers to operate at 10 MHz and have measured their performance. We have also compared this experimental data with extensive theoretical modelling [8]. The network analyzer has been utilized to measure the transducer impedance which in turn gives us considerable information about the operation of the transducer. This work has attracted funding from the American Heart Association and from the National Institutes of Health.

#### **3.3.2 Future Research**

In the future we plan to further develop the transducer design establish a better measurement system for the evaluation of the acoustic field response. In addition, we are currently conducting research on the transducer model which will utilize the network analyzer heavily to determine the impact of loss mechanisms in the PVDF material.

### **3.4 Other Research Efforts**

We have made the network analyzer available to other research groups at Georgia Tech. This section describes those efforts. We have not collaborated with these researchers. The network analyzer is by no means the key equipment in either of these projects but it has proved useful.

#### **3.4.1 Microactuators**

Professor Mark Allen in the School of Electrical Engineering has a research program on microactuators and has utilized the network analyzer from time to time to measure the input impedance of the devices his group has fabricated.

#### **3.4.2 Acoustic Detection of Electric Discharge in Power Transformers**

Professor Teddy Puttgen in the School of Electrical Engineering is a research program in this area and has used the network analyzer on a fairly regular basis to measure the input impedance of the transducers being fabricated in his group in the conduct of his experiments.

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